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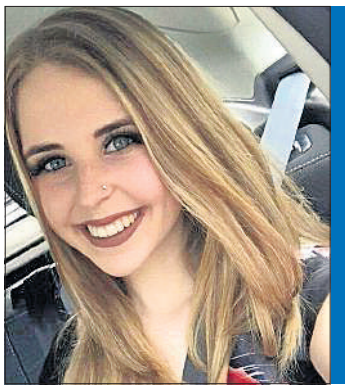

Brave Hannah loses cancer fight

FAMILY MOURNS 'OUR BEAUTIFUL BOY'

Tragic end to search for teenager missing after barn blaze

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE devastated family of a teenager who died after a raging blaze at a barn in West Lancashire where he was playing with friends have paid tribute to their 'beautiful boy.'

Officers from Lancashire Constabulary and the West Lancs Fire and Rescue Service had launched a desperate two-day search for 14-year-old Louis James Simpson who had not been seen since the fire broke out at the barn at Fairhurst Hall in Chorley Road, Parbold at around 3pm on Sunday (January 29).

Following extensive searches of the barn - which was filled with around 250 tons of straw - and the surrounding area, the body of the youngster, from Parbold, was found in the building on Monday evening (January 30).

The tragic discovery prompted a number of touching tributes to Louis, a pupil at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby.

His family, who are being supported by specially trained police officers, said: "It is with deep regret and heartbreak that we can confirm the tragic loss of our beautiful, beautiful boy.

"We are all truly devastated but want to thank our amazing family and friends for their ongoing love and support."

Emergency services vehicles at the approach to the scene of the fire

Former Liverpool and England footballer Jamie Carragher, a friend of the family, said: "Absolutely devastated as a family about the news about Louis, remember a cracking footballer for the school, holidaying with the family in Ibiza and staying over for his and James' birthday. Most of all a great kid. Rest in peace son, you'll never be forgotten."

A spokesperson for Merchant Taylors' said that a book of remembrance has been made available at the school, and added: "Louis was a popular boy and known to many of our pupils. Our school community is in deep shock and we will be providing the appropriate support, advice and counselling for pupils, staff and parents over the coming days and weeks."

Appliances from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service's Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, and Tarleton stations attended the blaze, along with firefighters from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service.

They spent more than three hours extinguishing the fire using breathing apparatus and two jets.

At the time of the Champion going to press Chorley Road was still closed from The Common to Robin Lane.

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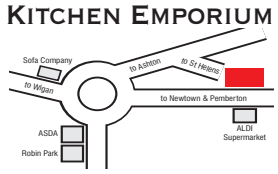

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County's children's centres given Baby Friendly Award

CHILDREN centres in the county have received international recognition from UNICEF (the United Nations' Children's Fund) by being awarded the prestigious Baby Friendly Award - thanks to support from Lancashire Care's infant feeding team.

Set up by UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Baby Friendly Initiative is a global programme that provides a practical and effective way for health services to improve care provided to mothers and babies.

And following intense assessment by UNICEF, the county's children's centres were recognised for having best practice standards in infant feeding in place.

To celebrate the success and recognise Lancashire Care's children and family health service's support in securing full BFI accreditation, members of the trust's infant feeding team organised three partnership celebration events, with the first held last Thursday (January 26) at the First Steps Children's Centre in Skelmersdale.

Katie Wharton, infant feeding co-ordinator at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "UNICEF UK's Baby Friendly Initiative is crucial in increasing breastfeeding rates, it also aims to ensure optimal feeding practices and build loving relationship for parents and their babies.

Members of Lancashire Care's infant feeding team celebrate the award with County Councillor Nikki Hennessy

"Breastfeeding protects babies against a wide range of serious illnesses including gastroenteritis and respiratory infections in infancy, as well as asthma, cardiovascular disease and diabetes in later life.

"We also know that breastfeeding reduces a mother's risk of some cancers."

UNICEF UK assessed the infant feeding policies at the children's centres along with the training curriculums and resources used with mothers and families.

They also attended the centres and groups, interviewed staff and spoke to more than 50 families.

BFI assessors commented in their assessment report that "it is clear the services support mothers with infant feeding and developing close and loving relationships with their baby in ways which are sensitive and effective."

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Brave Hannah loses cancer battle

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TRIBUTES have been paid to Hannah Lyson after the inspirational young woman lost her brave battle against cancer.

Hannah, who campaigned to raise awareness after being diagnosed with the disease, passed away peacefully at her home in Burscough on Saturday (January 28).

Her devastated family praised the "brave and beautiful" 20-year-old and vowed to carry on her campaign to educate young people on the symptoms of the disease.

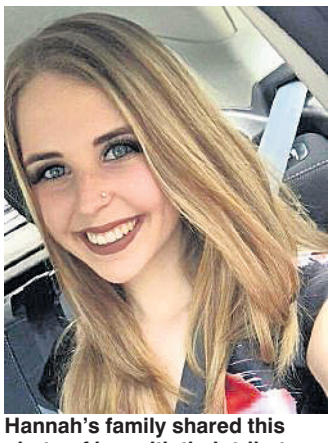
Aspiring air hostess Hannah was just 19 when she was diagnosed with bowel and liver cancer in May last year, as she was preparing to move abroad to work at Camp America.

She created a blog, entitled *A Worthwhile Adventure*, to document her diagnosis, treatment plan and the huge range of emotions that she was feeling, which inspired thousands of people.

Hannah was initially thought to have irritable bowel syndrome - which has similar symptoms - rather than to bowel cancer, which is rarely diagnosed in under-45s.

Then, after undergoing an operation to remove the primary cancer in her bowel and fit her with a colostomy bag, she started chemotherapy in June to tackle secondary tumours in her liver.

Despite this though she campaigned tirelessly to raise awareness of the symptoms of bowel cancer and strived to document on all aspects of her treatment, as well as fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust.



Hannah's family shared this photo of her with their tribute

In October she was told that her tumours had shrunk but tragically just days later, doctors told her that instead her cancer had spread to her pelvis, uterus and bowel and was terminal.

Hannah's long-term boyfriend Paul Healey and Burscough DJ, Joe George, launched fundraisers for her to help fulfil a host of activities on her online 'bucket list' and in November, the Champion revealed that the West Lancashire community had rallied around her, raising more than £20,000.

When she learned that her new chemotherapy medication would make her lose her hair in November, she opted to shave it off at home with her sister's help, which she bravely filmed, and chose three wigs to wear instead.

She was in and out of hospital in the months leading up to Christmas with health complications but was discharged in December to spend her 20th birthday and Christmas with her family and Paul.

Her family informed her followers on her Facebook page on Sunday (January 29) that Hannah had passed away peacefully the night before.

More than 6,000 of her followers have since commented on the post, which included a beautiful photograph of Hannah, and was shared more than 1,200 times.

The post said: 'It is with great sadness I am writing this message. Our brave beautiful Hannah lost her fight with cancer yesterday. She passed away peacefully at home with her family. Hannah fought so hard to get well but it wasn't to be. We are all so proud of her and we will continue her work.'

A later post on Monday (January 30) added: 'We will be saying our final goodbyes to our beautiful brave Hannah on Friday, February 3. Hannah will be leaving home at 11.45am. The service will take place at West Lancs Cemetery and Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough at 12.15pm. Everybody is welcome to help us celebrate Hannah's short life. We are so thankful for our 20 wonderful years with our darling.

'Family flowers only please, donations will be taken on the day for Hannah's chosen charities or send to MLS funeral directors, Burscough.'

Family support charity seeks more volunteers

A FAMILY support charity is holding a training course for would-be volunteers in West Lancashire.

Home-Start Central Lancashire supports families with young children who are in need of a helping hand and helps parents as they learn to cope and improve their confidence.

The next training course will start on Friday, February 24 at Park Children's Centre in Barnes Road, Skelmersdale. Training usually runs one day a week for six weeks.

For more information, call Home-Start on 01257 241636 or email enquiries@homestart-centrallancs.org.uk .

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Brownies meet the mayor

YOUNGSTERS from the 4th Ormskirk Brownies enjoyed a visit to the West Lancs Council offices in Derby Street to meet the mayor, Councillor Liz Savage and learn more about the civic role and its special responsibilities

Members of the 4th Ormskirk (Green Lane) Brownies with the mayor

Pumping station closure plan likely to be put back a year, says MP

CONTROVERSIAL plans to turn off a satellite pumping station in Alt Crossens are likely to be pushed back a year, according to West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper.

Ms Cooper met floods minister, Therese Coffey last week to discuss flooding issues and threats faced by communities across the borough.

During the meeting the minister indicated that legislative changes on land drainage needed to be brought to Parliament by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and as consequence the initial deadline of the end of 2017 to turn off five satellite pumping stations will need to be extended to the end of 2018. It is expected more detail will emerge in the coming weeks.

During the meeting Ms Cooper emphasised the need for more focus on the prevention of flooding, including the capacity of the water and sewer network, the impact of new housing developments, the future of local pumping stations and the need for a water management board.

She said: "I very much welcome the news of the likely deadline extension for turning off the satellite pumping stations in the Alt-Crossens catchment. It still doesn't deliver a solution but it offers more time to continue the discussions.

"We need to see if this new piece of legislation the minister will bring forward will offer more opportunities for us to resolve future land drainage and water management arrangements in West Lancashire.

"The minister certainly listened and understands the issues and people's fears. However, I and West Lancashire residents will only judge her and the government on her actions to give flood prevention greater priority and more investment to deliver much-needed solutions."

Rosie Cooper and the minister Therese Coffey

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Appeal to trace relatives of Second World War veteran killed in action

Council plea for more information about Private Sydney Turner to add his name to war memorial

A WEST Lancashire soldier's name could finally be added to the Ormskirk war memorial - 75 years after he was killed in action.

The borough council has launched a public consultation and appeal for information after being contacted by the Burscough and Lathom branch of the Royal British Legion about Private Sydney Turner.

Legion members told the council that Private Turner was born on June 30, 1915 and lived his early life in Square Lane, Burscough.

His mother Ruth, died in 1928 and his father David in 1936 and he later lived with his sister Hilda in Ravenscroft Avenue, Ormskirk.

After enlisting into the Kings Own Territorial Army in May 1940, Private Turner saw active service in Tunisia, North Africa. According to official records he was killed in action, on November 28, 1942.

Under its protocol for war memorials the council has to hold a public consultation on the matter in an attempt to find information to further support the application and the information provided.

Councillor John Hodson, the portfolio holder for planning, said: "The council understands it is very important to properly remember the fallen servicemen and women who have given their lives serving their country. In doing so we want to make sure that the existing names honoured on our war memorial are correct.

"We are therefore asking for help and consulting with the wider community in order to confirm the details we have are correct.

The Ormskirk Comrades War Memorial and the stone plinths bearing the names of Ormskirk people who lost their lives during the two World Wars in the town's Coronation Park

"We are also looking to see if there are any relatives of Private Turner still living in the area who could help further collaborate the information we currently have."

Anyone who can provide the council with information about Private Turner is asked to write to: Ian Bond, Heritage and Environment Manager, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF or email ian.bond@westlancs.gov.uk.

The consultation will run from Thursday, February 2 until Thursday, March 2.

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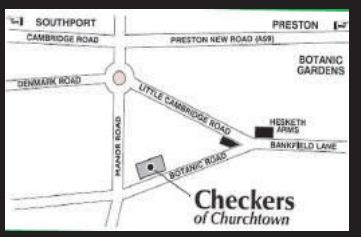

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Parbold rail station subway is undergoing £40,000 worth of renovations

Work starts on rail station subway renovation

by Danielle Thompson

WORK has started on the £40,000 upgrade of the subway at Parbold rail station.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper and local residents had raised concerns about ongoing temporary structural measures in the subway.

Now, following discussions, Network Rail has brought forward repair work from its Railway Upgrade Plan including two new beams and new brickwork to strengthen the roof of the subway.

The inside of the building will also be re-painted to make it more welcoming for passengers.

Ms Cooper said: "I very much welcome Network Rail's willingness to listen and respond to concerns I raised on behalf of residents.

"Investing £40,000 to upgrade the subway at Parbold rail station is fantastic. For many residents the subway is a safe walkway along the main road through the village rather than the rail crossing, where there are no pavements and they have to wait when the barriers are down.

"I'm sure residents and commuters visiting Parbold will be delighted with the newly-refurbished subway."

Terry Strickland, north area director of Network Rail, said: "As part of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade plan across Britain, we are installing two new steel girders, which will mean that the temporary props that currently support the ceiling will no longer be required.

"We would like to thank local residents for their patience while we undertake these important repairs to this busy station.

"Once the subway is refurbished, we hope it will improve the passenger experience of commuters and visitors to Parbold alike."

The repair work, which began last week, is expected to last until around February 20. It will take place from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Although access to the subway will be closed to the public, passengers will be able to access the platforms, using the existing level crossing.

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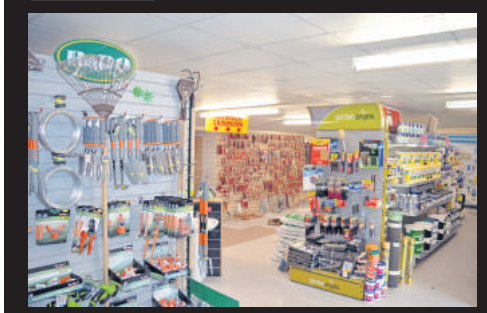

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The total they raised has been split evenly, with £3,554 each being donated to The Civic (formerly Ormskirk Civic Hall) on Southport Road and national charity, the Alzheimer's Society.

Since 2009, the firm has raised more than £80,000 for local and national good causes through Charity Will Month.

A spokesperson for Dickinson Parker Hill explained why the firm had opted to support these two particular causes this time.

"Many of our clients and staff have been affected by Alzheimer's and we wanted to help with an issue that directly affects those connected with the firm.

"Also, the firm decided to support Ormskirk Civic Hall as this is now run by volunteers in the heart of Ormskirk and funds are needed to help maintain the building and provide a community space in the town centre."

The team from Dickinson Parker Hill solicitors with their cheques for The Civic and the Alzheimer's Society

Partner, Michael Prendergast, added: "The scheme allows local people to get their affairs in order and ensure loved ones are protected, at the same time as benefiting local and national charities.

"We were happy to help both charities this year as many of our clients and staff have been affected by Alzheimer's and we also wanted to help The Civic.

"As always, we have been thrilled with the response to Charity Will Month which has been very well supported."

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Forum seeks solutions to tackle flood threat

A FLOOD risk charity is holding a conference today (February 1) on how to create flood-resistant communities.

The National Flood Forum, which represents individuals and communities at risk of flooding, is hosting the conference in London to explore concerns including how communities and businesses being built now will be flood resilient in the future and how to reduce flood risk in existing communities.

It is hoped the results of the findings could help residents across West Lancashire after the borough was badly hit by the 2015 Boxing Day floods.

Paul Cobbing, chief executive of the National Flood Forum, said: "We need to take action to ensure we're creating and building flood-resilient communities for today and for 30 years time. We need to get the planners, developers and communities together to discuss the challenges and consider different approaches and we must set out our ambition now if we are to protect more communities in the future."

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Laura presents the cheque for Dog AID to Deborah Cornwall and husband John

Laura's canine calendar raises £860 for assistance dogs charity

A CHANCE meeting in a coffee shop inspired a West Lancashire businesswoman to raise £860 for a charity which trains assistance dogs.

Laura Abrams, who runs Furry Tails Professional Dog Grooming Service in Tarleton, decided to do her bit for Dog AID (Assistance in Disability) after meeting former local high school teacher Deborah Cornwall last year.

Wheelchair-user Deborah from Hesketh Bank, who suffered damage to her spinal cord in a climbing accident in North Wales, was with her assistance dog Dillon which prompted the two women to strike up a conversation.

Deborah explained how the charity provides disabled people with a trainer who teaches them to train their dog to assistance level and can help them with jobs around the home, enabling the dog owner to live independently at home with their helper dog.

Laura then decided to create a calendar featuring photos of her clients' dogs adorning the different months, with all proceeds and donations going to Dog AID.

Road closed after vehicles' collision

A ROAD in Halsall had to be closed for about three hours following a collision involving a tractor and Audi car on Wednesday, January 25. The incident occurred at around 2pm near to Renacres Hospital. Renacres Lane was closed at the junction with Heathy Lane while emergency services made the scene safe. The driver of the tractor was uninjured but a woman occupant of the Audi, was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

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New housing chief aims to improve tenant services

WEST Lancs Council's new housing chief says she is relishing the role and aims to make the authority's services even better for tenants.

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, who has been appointed director of housing and inclusion, brings a strong track record of leading and managing housing services to the role, including delivering housing-led regeneration.

She has more than 25 years' experience in housing with her most recent role being executive director with Peaks & Plains Housing Trust, a high-performing housing association operating services across Cheshire and the North West.

Jacqui led the team to many awards and a top 20 ranking in The Times 100 best companies. Other achievements included delivering affordable new homes programmes across Cheshire and High Peak and major investment programmes.

Prior to this she worked for organisations in Cheshire, Merseyside and Manchester, including a number of councils.

Improving homes and enhancing and revitalising areas are key objectives of the Council Plan and Jacqui says she is very excited about her new role.

She said: "I have always been extremely passionate about the need to provide good quality housing and excellent services for customers. This is a great time to join West Lancashire Borough Council, as there is so much ambition to deliver fantastic and innovative plans right across the borough.

"Tenants are already reaping the benefits of the council's record investment in its housing stock, and the Firbeck Revival Project is a great example of how estates can be made even better places to live.

"I am sure the Beechtrees Revival Project, which includes a number of new homes, will also be a great success.

"The council is also looking into the possibility of forming a new development company which could help in the delivery of housing and commercial schemes to benefit the social and economic well-being of the borough.

Councillor Jenny Patterson welcomes Jacqui

"I am also looking forward to working with councillors, staff, and in partnership with customers and local organisations to make sure we make the best use of our resources, and ensure the council's housing service continues to provide value for money.

"I will be listening to tenants' views on how we can improve housing services and I particularly want to hear from younger tenants, to get them involved in housing."

Outside of work mum-of-four Jacqui is involved in charities supporting young people's issues.

Councillor Jenny Patterson, the council's portfolio holder for housing and landlord services, said: "Jacqui is an excellent recruit for the council as she brings a lot of skills and experience to the role of director. I am looking forward to working with her at this exciting time for the authority."

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Breathe Easy group pays tribute to founder member Irene

THE first meeting of 2017 saw the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group honour a founder member and embrace new technology!

Mike McKevitt, head of patient services at the British Lung Foundation, joined the group to set up a video conference link between the meeting at the Girl Guide HQ in Green Lane, Ormskirk, and the foundation's National Helpline, based at their Liverpool office.

Mike McKevitt presents the award to Irene Norman

The BLF is hoping to perfect this technology so that Breathe Easy Groups throughout the country, including those in quite isolated areas, can access expert advice.

Patricia Ireland from the West Lancashire and Southport group, said: "We were in effect acting as 'guinea pigs' to help the BLF perfect the technical side of things.

"Vicky Barber, the BLF nurse manager, spoke to us first through the video link, giving us very useful advice about the current flu outbreak.

"She explained that the flu jabs we all had last autumn were the best that could be given at the time, but are always guesswork, as no-one can know for sure what strain of virus will be doing the rounds the following winter.

"If anyone with respiratory illness develops flu-like symptoms, they are eligible for 'Tamiflu' to ward off the worst of the illness and should contact their GP.

"She also gave us really good advice about disease transmission and the importance of hand washing and use of alcoholic wipes to clean our hands.

"Later, Leah from the BLF helpline also spokes to us via the video link about relevant non-means-tested benefits. It was really interesting to receive this information 'direct' and be able to see and ask questions of the BLF Helpline!"

Mike McKevitt then presented an award to Irene Norman from Up Holland, the founder member of the group and long-time chairperson until 2014, when she handed over to current chairman, Harry Thacker.

The award recognised not only all she had done in founding and leading the local group in Ormskirk and Southport for so many years, but also what she continues to do nationally for the British Lung Foundation.

Patricia added: "Irene's efforts for the BLF are continuing, magnificent and outstanding. She goes out to help start up new Breathe Easy groups, sits in on interview panels for BLF recruitment...you name it, our amazing local lady continues to show that we in the North West of England are prepared to work full-on to help our local communities as unpaid volunteers!"

Next meeting of the group will be held at the usual venue, Green Lane Guide HQ, next door to the Ormskirk Rugby Club, on Monday, February 20 when a representative from Age UK will be the guest speaker. The meeting will run from 11.30am to about 12.30pm and free light refreshments will be served from 11am.

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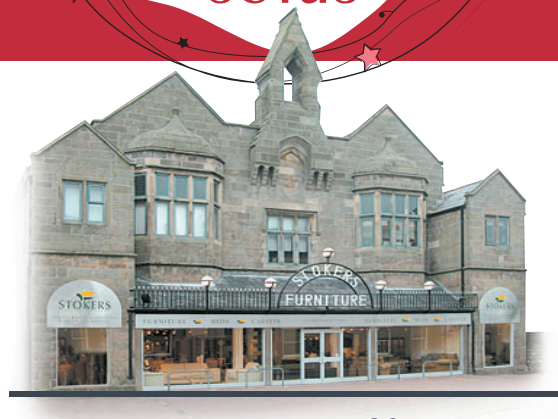

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Lancashire Care psychiatrist appointed to prestigious post

DOCTOR Bernadka Dubicka, a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist with the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, has been appointed chair of the Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the prestigious Royal College of Psychiatrists.

She will take up the post on June 27.

Currently vice-chair of the faculty and an honorary reader in child mental health at the University of Manchester, Dr Dubicka has been with the trust since 2007 working in the child and adolescent mental health service.

She said: "I am delighted to have been appointed chair of this important committee.

"The faculty exists to promote, through the work of its members the mental wellbeing of young people and their families. This includes promoting training, exchanging experience and research, influencing public policies, promoting mental health awareness through working with the media and organising regular national conferences and local meetings."

After qualifying in medicine at University College London and also achieving a degree in psychology, she completed her training in child psychiatry in Manchester.

Dr Dubicka also acts as an advisor on child and adolescent mental health research funding to the National Institute of Health Research and is a clinical advisor for the North West Strategic Clinical Network (SCN) where she is a project lead for developing guidance for self-harm admission pathways.

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Ormskirk deserves a fair share of county's investment in highways

IN response to the letter from Maurice George (Champion, January 18) and his claim that 'normally traffic flows smoothly through the centre' of Ormskirk, it can only be supposed that his experience is confined to the journeys he mentioned in his previous letter to me when referring to cycling into the town centre and ignoring the bylaws against doing so in the pedestrian areas.

Mr George had taken issue with a leaflet I distributed for the forthcoming Lancashire County Council elections but what he did not mention was that he has been a candidate for the Green Party and appears to oppose investment in our roads.

My leaflet highlighted the abject failure of the present Labour administration to address the problems of traffic congestion in Ormskirk.

The congestion is strangling the town centre and severely impacting on the shops and businesses as it makes Ormskirk a place for motorists to avoid.

The orbital route around the town centre and the major junctions are not fit for purpose and have been starved of investment.

These junctions and the failure to co-ordinate the various sets of traffic signals make the daily rush-hour journeys of people trying to get to work or drop their children off at our schools a nightmare.

Traffic is pushed off the major roads and uses various 'rat runs' as well as the secondary roads through our residential and rural areas.

In 2014, Labour scrapped the Conservative plan for a by-pass, permanently removed the protection for the planned route and sold off a property at a huge loss to the taxpayers.

They have failed to deliver on the Movement Strategy promised for last year and have deferred publication until after the election.

Derby Street's railway bridge was identified as having structural problems and needs major investment but Labour's solution was the imposition of an unenforced weight restriction.

I stand by my leaflet and will continue to campaign for the important issues it highlighted as I firmly believe the residents of Ormskirk deserve a fair share of the county's considerable investment in highways.

County Councillor David Westley,
West Lancashire East Division

Why are council letting us become a ghost town?

WHY is Ormskirk being left by the local authority to become 'Edge Hill University Town Centre'?

It is now impossible to buy any decent clothes, electrical items or many other essential day-to-day items.

Many of the town centre shops have gone over the past 10 years and what was once a thriving town is now rapidly becoming a ghost town.

Two more town-centre shops have gone this week, the Cheque Shop and Waterfield's long-established bakery. Even the famous Ormskirk Market is a shadow of its former self.

Burscough on the other hand is experiencing vast investment and attracting new shops and even a retail park. I can only assume this is because of the hundreds of new houses programmed for that town to provide the prospective new customers.

Ormskirk is rapidly becoming the poor relative to Burscough and I don't actually think this will alter even if the new Grove Farm houses are built.

These residents will simply jump in their cars and head for the free parking one minute up the A59 at the Burscough retail park or at the new linear park that will connect Grove Farm houses directly with the plush new retail park on the Ormskirk side of Burscough.

Mr Harrocks,
Ormskirk

PICTURE of the week

mam Soyful Alam, Reverend Stuart Broughton and Rabbi Ariel Abel chat after conducting last Sunday's Holocaust Memorial Service at Christ Church in Southport.
Picture by Martyn Snape.

If new rail station can have disabled access why not Aughton Park?

AFTER reading your article regarding the go-ahead for a new station at Maghull I can't help wondering why there has never been any concern regarding the lack of any disabled access at Aughton Park station.

I consider myself reasonably fit but even I find great difficulty with the steps and steep inclines on both sides of the track, particularly when carrying shopping or due to the weather the access is slippery and slimy.

Problems

Elderly people and those with wheelchairs or prams and push chairs have no chance!

I see this new station is boasting lifts access for the disabled along with a host of other facilities. This area has no shops within walking distance especially for those with mobility problems so public transport is a must.

Also on my way by train into Liverpool I notice all the stations on the way have lifts or easy access for people with mobility issues, so why has Aughton Park been left as it is?

Could West Lancs Council and Merseyrail not come together and find a solution to this issue?

By the way, I thought all public places had to have reasonable access for the disabled?

Mrs J. Cooper, by email

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Get your facts straight and think before you write!

RE: the three letters on the proposed Parrs Lane development (Champion, January 18) I do not understand how my brief letter of support for West Lancs Borough Council (January 11) can be taken to include so many issues beyond what was stated, but questions have been raised.

In 2012 WLBC announced the preparation of their Local Plan and in 2013 we learned of a parish council meeting to discuss elements of this, particularly the intentions relating to Parrs Lane. The expressed intention was the removal of green belt status - a feature contrary to David Cameron's promise not to do so nationwide - and to permit house development inside a 'fallback' Plan B category.

So a working group was formed and the title 'Keep Aughton Green' created. Teams of volunteers were found, many canvassing the area to advise our neighbours of the above. My wife and I called on over 200 homes and if you multiply the numbers you run into four figures.

It would have been better for the council to inform everyone with handouts, but they did run newspaper adverts encouraging everyone to see the Local Plan. We placed strategically-placed posters, many folk created their own garden placards, green ribbons were tied on many lampposts and gates around the area. We did our best to tell everyone that something was going on.

However, our best endeavours failed to change the status which is that the land is no longer green belt, but instead is 'safeguarded'. This means that if Plan A fails to address the housing needs of the community, then one or other of Plan B land will be considered with a termination date of 2027. So the working group disbanded and our services ceased.

Now I need to emphasise here that we have never been involved with any subsequent group(s) that may have formed. But we do maintain an interest in all things going on in our community and, for instance, I am a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for two streets.

Speculating

So why do I have to tell you all this, and why am I being attacked? I think three letters with angst must be a record.

One of you has deeply wounded me by speculating on issues you have no knowledge of. My house is built on land that was never green belt and does not oversee any sites proposed. I was approached by a developer some years ago with a view to their purchase and demolishment for access to a field behind, that he subsequently developed with access elsewhere, as I refused their substantial financial offer.

Why? Because our street would become a nightmare for my neighbours who are also my friends. I also work and head up a business that provides employment for others. I have spent most of my working life trying to help and enhance people's lifestyles, so next time you write, think about the hurt you may generate and get your facts straight.

Finally, our Ormskirk doctors practice, where getting an appointment is difficult, have advertised for months seeking additional doctors, with no success. Think about it.

Martin Pagett, Aughton

Appeal for witnesses after woman dies in horror car crash

POLICE have issued an urgent appeal for witnesses to a road traffic accident in which a 37-year-old woman died after her car hit a tree in Tarleton at the weekend.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

The crash happened shortly before 5.30am on Sunday, January 29 at the junction of Southport New Road and Blackgate Lane on the A565.

Agnieszka Cecot from Southport was driving a Rover 75 when she apparently lost control on a slight left hand bend and collided with street signage and a tree.

She was taken by ambulance to the Royal Preston Hospital but sadly died a short time later.

Police are especially keen to speak to the driver of a foreign registered HGV which stopped at the scene to offer assistance.

Sergeant Nigel Ralphson, from Lancashire Constabulary's road policing unit, said: "This was a serious collision which has sadly cost a woman her life. I am appealing for any witnesses, or anyone with information, to contact police on 101."

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Local businesswomen, Yvonne Cotter and Sue Greene, who run the Birches Brow Boutique Guest Rooms in Formby Lane, were thrilled when their converted former farmhouse, which offers nine 'luxury' rooms, was named in the Daily Telegraph review.

The Aughton venue was given an overall rating of 8 out of 10 by the reviewer who added: 'A rambling farmhouse amid the rolling fields of west Lancashire, this set of boutique rooms offers a much-needed dose of quality in what is something of a boutique accommodation desert this side of Liverpool.'

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Funny how blast of chilly weather brings back warm memories...

GOSH, it's cold! Despite its best efforts, my heating system is fighting a very long battle to heat my living space and outside the wind chill factor is making life rather miserable.

Now I suspect you think this is an introduction to a diatribe about Global Warming - what Global Warming. But you'd be wrong.

I have just picked up a magazine which features the deep-freeze winter of early 1947, with some of the most severe temperatures and snowfall in any kind of recent memory.

Now I was roughly three months old when the worst of this struck in February 70 years ago and I confess I remember little of it - well, nothing in fact. But stories told me by my mum subsequently, convinced me that we've certainly suffered far, far worse than the chilly conidtions at present.

My grandparents lived in Ormskirk and grandad worked in a sawmill somewhere near Sandhills in Liverpool. But people then were, I reckon, made of sterner stuff than now. Grandad was determined to get to work but the then LMS railway was forced to bow to the weather, despite trying to run trains up and down the Ormskirk-Liverpool line all night to keep it open. The buses stood no chance.

According to my mum, the snow was so deep that it came up to the top of the parapet of the Red Lion bridge over the canal in Maghull, where she lived. So what could grandad do? Why, walk of course! Simple.

Trouble was that walking through snow drifts was more easily said than done. By the time he had walked the six miles or so from his Ormskirk home to Maghull he was just about done.

So he stayed at my mother's house until the weather cleared a bit, right? Wrong! He did stay the night and on the following morning donned his by now dried-out boots and walked into Liverpool and his work. I don't think mum ever told me how or when he got back home, but I bet he didn't miss another day's work.

I am not sure whether I regard this feat as very brave or just plain daft - but I rather suspect, though I cannot be sure, that the post for instance still managed to get delivered locally too, if somewhat late.

Perhaps having just suffered six years of total war, folk then were more used to hardship than we, in our centrally-heated, social media-connected, moaning-when-the-train-is-five-minutes late way, are. Or perhaps people had a greater sense of responsibility or simply an idea that you had a duty to get to your work if humanly possible.

Back in 1947 many people were still without landline telephones, let alone, Tweets or television. Certainly grandad couldn't have phoned his work from home - his rented house didn't even boast electricity and granny persuaded the owner to have the gas taken out because she thought it was dangerous!

My parents did boast a phone at least but grandad obviously preferred to continue his Arctic trek rather than phone in with excuses (!) as to why he couldn't make it.

Still, when he died in the early 1950s, the firm he worked for not only gave permission for those who wanted to, to attend his funeral, they even laid on a bus so they could! And he wasn't some sort of boss at the sawmill, he was an ordinary sawyer.

So perhaps responsibility and duty does cut two ways. And perhaps some of us could learn a lesson about responsibility to others, even if that means considerable inconvenience to ourselves.

Anyway, I have very fond memories of grandad. I remember him as a kind and gentle person who built two wonderful pond-racing yachts for my brother and I, and made two little wicker chairs for us which lasted well into our childhood.

Funny how one bit of rather chilly weather can bring back old memories, isn't it?

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It's good to talk...

County council reminder that advice service for young people is available all year round

YOUNG people in Lancashire are being reminded that an advice service offered by the county council over the festive period is available all year round.

Talkzone provides advice, guidance, support and information for young people between the ages of 12 and 19 and can be accessed by phone, email, text, Facebook, Twitter and webtalk.

It is also available for young people up to the age of 25 who have special educational needs or a disability.

Talkzone is provided by the county council's well-being, prevention and early help service between 2 and 10pm, every day of the year.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'm glad we have Talkzone available to help. I'm told that we received 1,061 enquiries in December alone, on a range of issues.

"Young people don't have to cope with their problems alone on any day of the year, as Talkzone is always there.

"Talkzone is staffed by caring workers who are experienced in dealing with a wide range of issues. If you're a young person and need to discuss anything, you can ring, text or email and one of our advisers will help."

Talkzone manager, Tracy Scotland, added: "We have qualified and experienced staff on hand, who are used to dealing with anything and everything that young people call about.

"They really can talk about any worries, whatever they might be.

"In December we were contacted about many issues including problems at home, anxiety, homelessness, finding a job, careers advice and bereavement. I'm so glad that people were able to turn to us for support.

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Gorse Hill to host Snowdrop Sunday event

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Visitors to the site off Holly Lane, Ormskirk will be able to enjoy self-guided walks through Cabin Wood to see the show of snowdrops on Sunday, February 12 from noon to 4.30pm. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will also be on sale.

Reserve manager, Jonathan Atkins, said: "We are looking forward to welcoming visitors to our first event of 2017.

"With the new pathways around Cabin Wood nearing completion, access for wheelchair and buggy users will be much improved.

"These paths have been constructed with help from Team 12 of The Prince's Trust working with many of the reserve's volunteers.

"However some parts are still muddy so suitable footwear is advisable.

"All are welcome - including well-behaved dogs, provided they are on a lead!"

County council backs Safer Internet Day

LANCASHIRE County Council is supporting the third international Safer Internet Day (SID) on Tuesday, February 7.

The event aims to promote safe and responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially for children and young people.

This year's global theme for the day is 'Be the Change: Unite for a better Internet' and focuses on the part people all play in helping to create a safer Internet.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "Safer Internet Day gives us a valuable opportunity to remind everyone about how to keep children and young people safe online. This includes parents, carers and those who work with children and young people.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone

"The day also lets us raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and offers advice on identifying when exploitation may be taking place and how to report it.

"Although young people today are digitally savvy, they also need to be reminded about how to protect their privacy and their personal information online, and just how important this is.

"I'm sure we all appreciate just how quickly technology changes and we need to do all we can to help to keep young people safe."

Supporters of the event can complete an online quiz, which highlights the importance of staying safe online and the possible dangers of sharing photographs and videos. This is available at www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/safer-internet-day-2017-quiz/

There is also an opportunity to take part in an online 'Learn My Way' including information about scams, keeping your data secure online and staying safe when using the Internet. Ways to report possible child exploitation will also be highlighted.

People can go online in Lancashire's libraries to complete the quiz or to find out more about the day.

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Residents urged to check tree contractors are suitably qualified

WEST Lancs Council is advising residents to check carefully if firms offering to prune their trees are suitably qualified and insured to carry out the work, and charge a fair rate.

Concerns have been raised by the authority as many people with gardens may be looking for someone to prune their trees during the spring and summer.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "It is important that contractors carrying out works to trees are properly qualified and insured to do the work, and use the correct protective equipment. People should be very wary of using companies or individuals that do not fit into those criteria.

Councillor John Hodson

"Residents should also be on their guard against companies that may try to coax them into having work done that may not be needed and charge them more than the going rate for this work.

It is always a good idea to try and get more than one quote for work on trees to get more of an idea of what work is needed and how much it should cost."

The council is also advising people they would need to apply to the authority for permission to carry out pruning works on a tree that is subject to a preservation order. Anyone who lives in a conservation area would also need to notify council officers prior to carrying out any pruning works to trees.

For more information go to the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/trees, where you can also find the council's list of approved arboricultural contractors. These firms are fully qualified and insured to carry out works to trees.

Call to cook up a treat for Global Scouse Day

ALTHOUGH primarily associated with Liverpool, Scouse is a popular dish throughout the North West and eateries across Lancashire are being urged to cook up their best efforts for a special event.

Global Scouse Day (GSD), Tuesday, February 28, will see hundreds of restaurants putting the traditional nosh on their menus to mark the event.

Last year, restaurants in New York, Washington and San Diego in the USA all took part, as well as many venues throughout the UK. Organisers are hoping even more eateries will join in this year.

Participating venues are provided with a recipe, if required, plus downloadable promotional posters. And the majority donate a percentage from each portion sold to a nominated charity partner via the GSD Just Giving page. This year's partner is Woodlands Hospice Charitable Trust in Liverpool.

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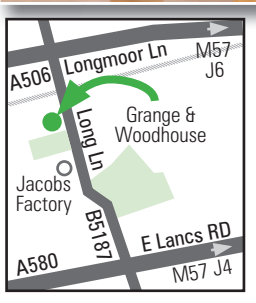

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University study highlights level of abuse faced by football referees

RESEARCH conducted by lecturers at three UK universities, including Edge Hill, shows that 60 per cent of football referees questioned experienced abuse every couple of games with as many as one in five facing physical abuse!

The study - carried out by Jimmy O'Gorman from the Ormskirk university along with Jamie Cleland of Loughborough University and Tom Webb from the University of Portsmouth - questioned referees about their experiences following the introduction of the Respect programme by the English Football Association (FA).

Of more than 2,000 officials questioned, including 370 under-17s, more than 22% said they suffered abuse every game.

They reported abusive behaviour from parents, spectators and coaches, making them feel anxious and vulnerable and leaving them fearing physical harm.

Jimmy O'Gorman said: "Through the online questionnaire we asked three questions; one about their experience of officiating since the introduction of the Respect programme; the extent to which they had been verbally and/or physically abused; and lastly the level of support provided by the national and county FAs. While 54% said the Respect campaign had been somewhat successful there were some consistent themes. The behaviour of parents at grassroots level and their competitive nature was viewed as a significant problem by a number of young referees.

"Many also commented on how the leniency shown on offensive or abusive language and/or gestures at elite level had negative consequences for grassroots referees."

The full report will be published in the International Review for the Sociology of Sport and available on the journal's website.

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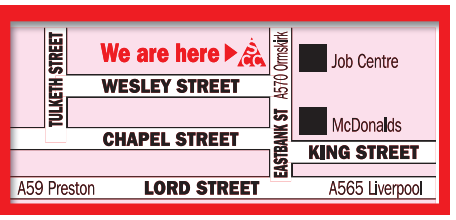

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Martin Mere news

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Splashtastic fun puddle jumping at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre this half term

Dress up warm and get your wellies on this February half term as WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre hosts the third North West Puddle Jumping Championships.

The event, from 11th to 19th February, is encouraging children of all ages to get out into the fresh air and have fun jumping in puddles, competing against each other for the biggest splash.

This year WWT's new children's character, Dusty Duck is joining in the fun and helping kids create the biggest, craziest splash possible. Dusty was exclusively designed by the world-famous Aardman studios to help celebrate WWT's 70th anniversary by getting children closer to nature.

As well as the main puddle jumping competition arenas, there will be practice zones set up to help entrants perfect their splashing techniques before the 2pm competition. It's only 50p to enter and every entrant will receive a 'splashtastic' sticker to acknowledge their puddle jumping skills – with the daily 'super-splasher' receiving prizes.

Jumps will be judged on the enthusiasm of the jumper, creativity of the jump and the height of the splash. Normal admission charges apply to participate in this event.

In addition, other jumping and welly activities include taking part in our frog jump between 11am and 12.30pm and see how far you can throw a wellington boot in our welly shot putt event between 1pm and 2pm as well as letting the kids run wild in the Adventure playground after watching hundreds of Whooper swans feed on the Mere at 3pm from the new Discovery hide.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 4.30pm during winter months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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Commissioner says county policing plan is down to community teamwork

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has labelled his 2016-2021 plan for policing in the county a real community effort.

Mr Grunshaw says the plan has been developed by community members, local councils, voluntary sector organisations, the police, health professionals and partners across the criminal justice sector.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's 2016 – 2021 plan shapes the way policing and justice services are delivered by setting out strategic objectives which the chief constable and his team are required to deliver against.

It also shapes the work in communities of community safety partners and those delivering criminal justice services.

The four priorities in the Lancashire plan are: protecting local policing; tackling crime and reoffending; supporting vulnerable people and victims; and developing safe and confident communities.

Mr Grunshaw said: "Our engagement in developing the new plan was really extensive. I met with literally hundreds of people representing partner organisations, and 1,672 Lancashire residents also completed the survey to make sure I understand the issues that matter to them most.

Report by **Henry James**

"Despite the huge pressures that our police and partners are facing, I am confident that by working together we can keep Lancashire safe."

And he added: "We have had some excellent feedback from all those involved and as we plan ahead I am sure that combined with these priorities we will deliver the public's priorities."

Residents were asked to rank policing issues as high, medium or low risk priorities.

In total 1,672 public survey responses were received and most said tackling major crimes such as murder, rape and serious assaults (93.6%) were their highest priority, with protecting children from child sexual exploitation (88.7%) coming second. Counter-terrorism/tackling serious organised crime (75%), and patrolling neighbourhoods with high crime rates (72.4%) also ranked highly.

Responding to non-emergency calls (12.5%) and patrolling areas with low levels of crime were only ranked high priority by a small number of people (10%) and were actually seen as more than half of respondents' lowest priorities when it came to crime themes.

Mr Grunshaw concluded: "These figures show that residents were actively looking for a response to crime in their area and it is an excellent way of getting to know what they wanted to tackle. As we renew the priorities, I will continue to listen to those involved who are assisting to make a difference to policing in their area."

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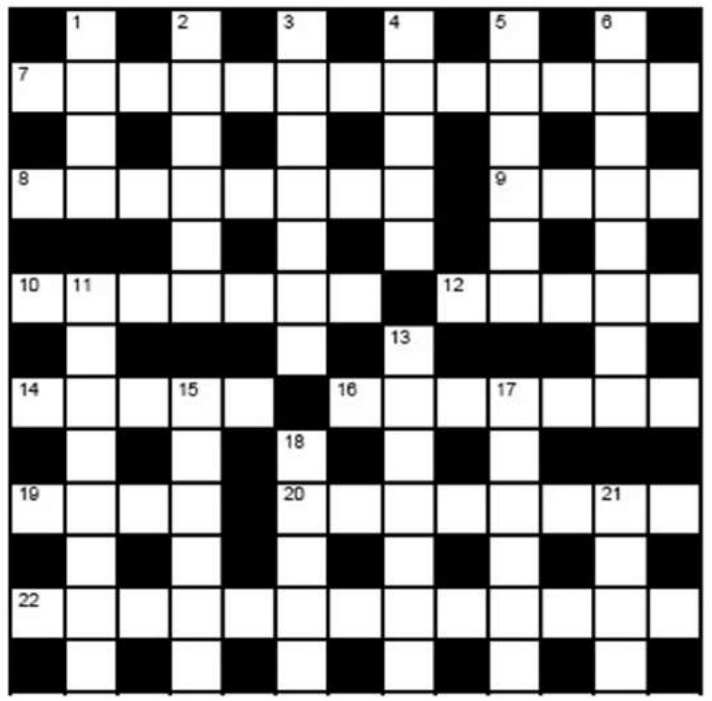

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Across: 7 Paling. 8 Serial. 9 Clue. 10 Thousand. 11 Dynasty. 13 Saint. 15 Realm. 17 Sweeten. 20 Advanced. 21 Aids. 22 Gauche. 23 Lizard.

Down: 1 Barley. 2 Jive. 3 Agitate. 4 Ascot. 5 Prostate. 6 Cannon. 12 Alliance. 14 Twiddle. 16 Endear. 18 Endure. 19 Octet. 21 Adze.

ACROSS

7. Comprehension (13)
8. Natural talent or tendency (8)
9. Object of worship (4)
10. Military officer serving as a personal attendant to a senior member of the Royal Family (7)
12. Execute without legal sanction, usually by hanging (5)
14. Punctuation mark (5)
16. In the direction of (7)
19. Literary term meaning to encircle with a belt or band (4)
20. Secretly and carefully planned (4-4)
22. Collective term for all living creatures (6, 7)

DOWN

1. Break suddenly (4)
2. Restore to life or consciousness (6)
3. Tidal mouth of a large river (7)
4. Periods when stores typically sell goods at reduced prices (5)
5. Strange or peculiar person or thing (7)
6. Compulsory (8)
11. Result obtained by dividing one quantity by another (8)
13. Tropical or subtropical plant of the bellflower family, in particular an annual widely grown as a bedding plant (7)
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17. Assert without proof (6)
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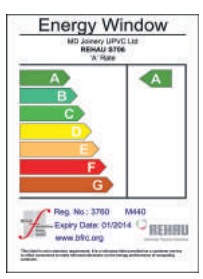

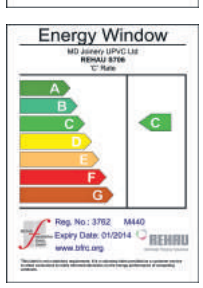

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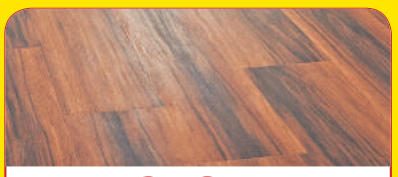

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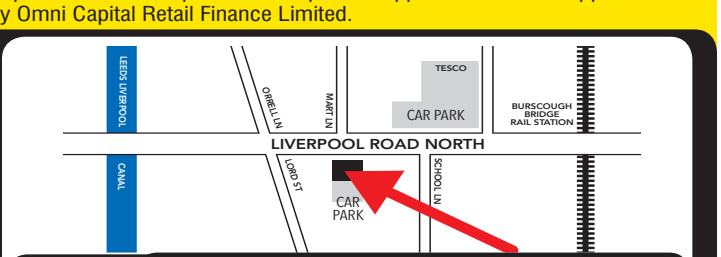

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Springwatch events and country walks in council rangers' February schedule

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The first countryside walk is a five-mile loop around Abbey Lakes and Dean Wood on Monday, February 6. People taking part should meet at Abbey Lakes 9.50am for a 10am start.

Next up is a seven-mile Tarleton Circular on Sunday, February 19, meeting at Tarleton Library at 9.50am for a 10am start.

Due to the advanced nature of these walks, anyone intending to take part is advised to wear suitable sturdy footwear with ankle support and suitable clothing for the weather.

There is no need to book in advance for the walks but you can call the Rangers on 01695 622794 for more information.

Meanwhile children aged between five and 12 can find out

Councillor Yvonne Gagen

the exciting changes that occur in our local natural landscape at this time of year at Junior Rangers Springwatch events.

The first is at Coronation Park, Ormskirk on Monday, February 13, starting from the Bowling Pavilion at 1pm.

Then Beacon Country Park hosts another on Tuesday, February 14, starting from the Ranger Station at 1pm.

Booking is required for the Junior Rangers events and can only be done by calling the Rangers on 01695 622794. Booking opens seven days before each event. Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult when attending Junior Rangers events and should wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather conditions if attending these outdoor events.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Make sure you don't miss these great events in our local parks and countryside."

For more information on West Lancs Council leisure events visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/events.

For more information about volunteering opportunities with the Ranger Service contact 01695 622794. You can also find out more about parks and countryside events by following the Rangers on Twitter @WLBC_Rangers or visiting their Facebook page www.facebook.com/wlbc.rangers.

Chance to learn more about Dogs for Good

THE Ormskirk & Southport District branch of the Oddfellows Society is hosting a talk by a guest speaker from Dogs for Good at Lord Street West Community Hall, Duke Street, Southport on Friday (February 3) starting at 1.30pm.

The group's events organiser, Judith Catton, said: "Dogs for Good is an innovative charity, exploring ways dogs can help people overcome specific challenges and enrich and improve lives and communities. This is a chance to find out how the dogs are trained to support adults and children with a wide range of disabilities and conditions."

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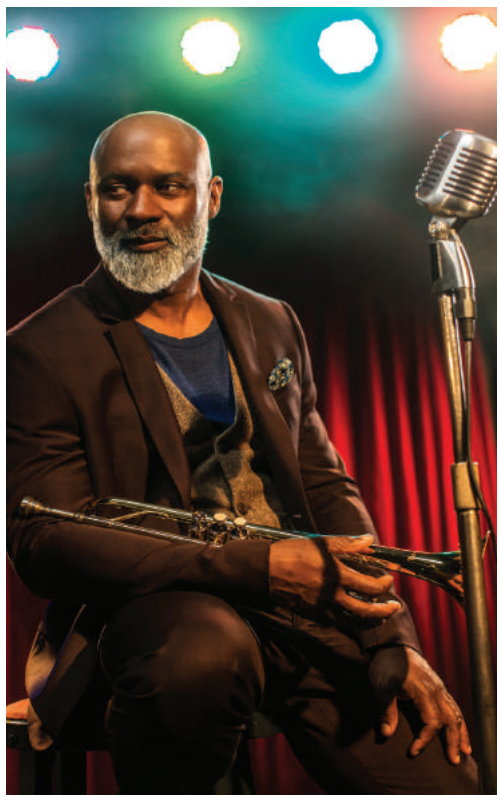

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Jonathan has had hugely successful nights with Geoffrey Boycott, Sunil Gavaskar and Graeme Swann. Now, for the second year running, Jonathan Agnew MBE teams up with his Test Match Special colleague Phil Tufnell, and the show visits Southport Theatre on Thursday, February 9.

Tuffers was the Bad Boy of English cricket in the 1990s, but the best spinner - left-arm or otherwise - as well. He was known as The Cat because of his love of dressing-room naps and, rarely seen without a beer and a fag, Tufnell has always been something of a folk hero. Since retiring, he has carved out a successful TV career, and he is Matt Dawson's opposing team captain on the long-running series, A Question of Sport.

An Evening with Aggers & Tuffers starts at 7.30pm.

Phil Tufnell and Jonathan Agnew MBE

Nelson Goerner

Popular performer returning

FOLLOWING his dazzling virtuoso playing at the 2015 Midsummer Festival which drew a standing ovation from the Parbold audience, Nelson Goerner returns to Douglas Music, Parbold on Saturday, February 11 at 7.45pm in the Arena Auditorium, The Village Hall.

He has changed his schedule specially to come to Parbold to play the Steinway that he admired as "wonderful".

Nelson's playing has been praised for his 'marvellous musicianship and emotional engagement'.

His recordings of Frederic Chopin, whose works feature in the Parbold programme, have won critical awards. His programme includes a Spanish theme with pieces by Albeniz and Granados alongside Franz Liszt's virtuoso concert-showpiece Rhapsodie Espagnole, based on traditional Spanish music that inspired Liszt on his tour of Spain and Portugal.

Nelson was born in San Pedro, Argentina and when only 17 years old he won the First Prize in the 1986 Franz Liszt Competition in Buenos Aires, and First Prize at the 1990 Geneva Competition.

Since then Nelson Goerner has established himself as one of the foremost pianists of his generation with an international, globe-encircling career that has led him to collaborate with some of the world's greatest musicians, like Martha Argerich and the most famous locations.

Douglas Music has set up a Ticket and Ride scheme to offer a subsidised mini-bus service to and from its concerts for members of the audience who would love to come to the events but who cannot use or do not have access to public transport.

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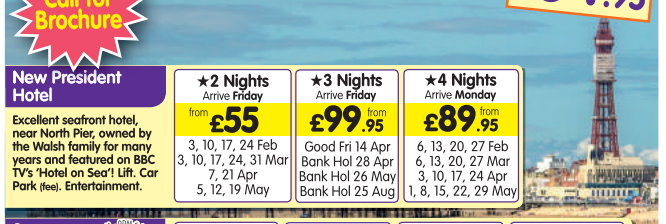

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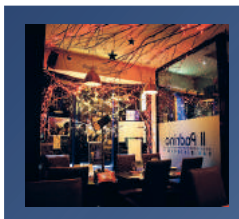

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/1226/COU Change of use from former agricultural silage to the taking off and landing of model aircraft. Also for the siting of a temporary storage container for storage of mowing facilities at Land East Of, Meadow Lane, Lathom.

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APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/1142/FUL Erection of new wall and gates to the front of the property, and alterations and re-skinning to the existing house at 80 The Common, Parbold.

Application No: 2016/1293/FUL Demolition of existing dwellings and outbuildings and erection of one detached dwelling at Land South Of Entrance To Pilkington Technology Centre, Hall Lane, Lathom.

Application No: 2016/1294/FUL Demolition of existing dwellings and erection of one detached dwelling at Land South Of Entrance To Pilkington Technology Centre, Hall Lane, Lathom.

Application No: 2017/0073/FUL Retention of 5 bed student HMO at 11A Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2017/0074/FUL Retention of 5 bed student HMO at 13A Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2017/0077/FUL Retention of garage conversion to habitable accommodation at 32 Ainscough Drive, Burscough.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

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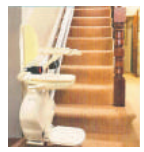

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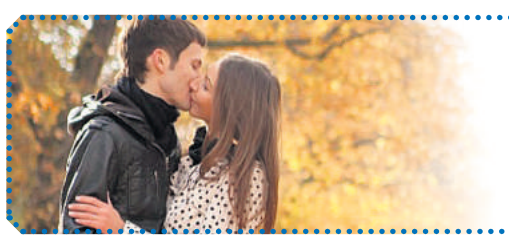

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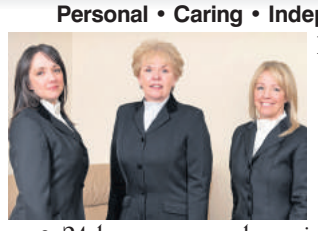

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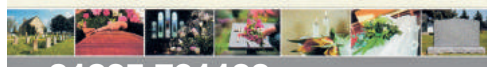

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Loving Wife of Bob, Devoted Mum of Steve, Roy and Jan, Dear Mother-in-law of Sue, Eileen and Jim, Cherished Grandma and Great Grandma of all her Grandchildren and a much loved Auntie of all her nieces and nephews. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 3rd February at 1.45pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Cancer Research UK or North West Air Ambulance. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane
Tel: 01695 559868

GREEN EVA

To our beautiful Mum.
Your wings were
ready but our hearts
were not,
we will love and miss
you always,

Broken hearted
Daughter and Son-in
Law
Jan and Jim
xxx

DEATHS

GREEN EVA

Died on the
26th January 2017
aged 80 years

The fact you are no
longer with us Mum
will always
cause us pain,
But the special
memories we have
of you
Will help us smile
again.

Forever in our hearts
Your loving Son Steve
and Daughter-in-law
Sue xx

Memories are a gift
Grandma and ours
will last forever,
Louise, Andrew,
Mathew, Darren,
Diana and Chelsy xx

GREEN EVA

26th January 2017
Aged 80 years

Dearly loved
Mum to Roy and
Eileen, special
Nan to Lyndsey,
Chris, Michael and
Stephanie. Great
Grandmother to Elise,
Erin, Maisie. Will be
greatly missed by all
the family.

GREEN EVA

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on the 26th January 2017
aged 80 years.

I am sending a dove
to heaven with a
parcel on it's wings,
Be careful when you
open it,
It's full of beautiful
things,
Inside are a million
kisses
wrapped up in a
million hugs
to say how much I
miss you
and to send you all
my love.
I hold you close within
my heart
and there you will
remain
to walk with me
throughout my life
until we meet again.

Your loving Husband
Bob
xxx

DEATHS

GREEN EVA

26th January 2017
You fought a losing
battle
You suffered towards
the end
You left us
brokenhearted
Our dear auntie to
the end
I am going to miss
the talks we had,the
stories we would tell
I will always miss
your smiling face,your
mischievous
laugh,but i know in
my heart you are in a
better place.
RIP love always
Jo and Steve
xxx
Goodnight God bless
Auntie Grandma.
Kayleigh,Stevie and
Adam xxx

LYSON HANNAH NICOLE

28th January 2017
Aged 20 years of Burscough

Passed away peacefully
at home surrounded by all
her loving family.
'OUR BEAUTIFUL BRAVE HANNAH'
Dearly loved and precious
Daughter, Sister, Granddaughter,
Aunty, Niece and Cousin. Loved
and missed by all her family
and friends. Funeral Service at
West Lancashire Crematorium,
on Friday 3rd February 2017
at 12.15pm. Family flowers
only by request, but donations
are being gratefully received
in memory of Hannah for
Teenage Cancer Trust and Zak
Vali Foundation. Donations and
further enquiries please to
Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent
Funeral Directors,
22a Liverpool Road North,
Burscough, L40 5TP.
Tele: 01704 891555

HOUGHTON WILLIAM (Bill)

Suddenly on
22nd January 2017
aged 86 years

Dearly loved Husband of Alma,
much loved Dad of Janet and
Noreen and Father-In-Law of
Melvin and Robert. Loving
Grandad of Rachelle,
Hayley, Karen and Darryl and a
Great-Grandad of Philippa, Phoebe
and Scarlett.
Funeral Service will take place at
Charnock Richard Crematorium
on Monday 6th February at 12:00
noon. Family flowers only please
but donations if so desired may go
to Cancer Research U.K.
c/o the Funeral Director
N & K Harvey Funerals Ltd,
180 The Green, Eccleston,
Chorley, PR7 5SU.
Tel: 01257 451508

DEATHS

RYLANCE JOHN

23rd January 2017,
aged 74 years

Dearly loved Husband of
Pam. Loving Dad of Laura
and Lesley. Dear Gramps
of Sam, Becki, Grace and
Abbi. Father-in-law of Damian
and Les. John will be sadly
missed by all his family and
friends. Funeral Service will
take place at St John the
Baptist Church, Burscough
on Thursday 9th February
2017 at 1.30pm, followed by
committal at West Lancashire
Crematorium. Family flowers
only by request please, but
donations are being gratefully
received by the family for the
British Lung Foundation or
the Lily Foundation. Further
enquiries please to Cookson
Tyrer Funeralcare, 2 Smithy
Walk, Burscough, Lancashire
L40 5UU. Tel 01704 897770

MURPHY EDNA VENABLES

22nd January 2017
Peacefully in Hospital
aged 89 years

Beloved Wife of the late Peter
Dominic Murphy, loving Mother
of Christine, Peter and Margaret
and Son-In-Law Andrew. Much
loved Grandmother of Hannah,
Daniel, Freya and Emma.
"Mother" to many more, will
be sadly missed by all who
knew her.
Funeral Service to be held at
2pm on Friday 3rd February
2017 at St Anne's Church,
Ormskirk, followed by
Committal at West Lancashire
Crematorium. All enquiries via
Craven Funeral Directors,
16a Derby Street West,
Ormskirk, L39 3NH.
01695 577200

BRADSHAW GERTRUD (TRUDY)

22nd January 2017
suddenly in hospital
Aged 90 years

Dearly beloved Wife of the
Late William. Much loved
Mum of Barbara, Rosemary,
Philip, Peter and Colin.
Trudy will be sadly missed
by all her family and friends
and all who knew her.
Funeral Service and
committal will take place
at West Lancashire
Crematorium at 12.15pm
on Wednesday 8th February
2017. Family flowers only
by request but the family
are receiving donations for
Breast Cancer UK. Further
enquiries to Co-operative
Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road,
Ormskirk L39 2AU.
Tel: 01695 577244

DEATHS

CAHILL DORIS (DOT)

On the 25th January 2017
Fell asleep peacefully in hospital and of Skelmersdale

A much loved Mum,
Nan and Great Nan.
Will be sadly missed
by all her children and
their families.
A funeral service will
take place on Friday
3rd February 2017
at West Lancashire
Crematorium
(Burscough) at
10.45am. Family
flowers only please.
Donations if desired to
a charity of your own
choice. All enquiries
W. Banks of Orrell.
Tel: 01695 622272

HORN JOANNE (JOAN)

24th January 2017
Aged 91

Died peacefully with her Loving
Family by her side at Silver Birch
Lodge Nursing Home in Aughton.
Darling Wife of Fred. Beloved Mum
to Fred and Dawn. Precious Nana
to Katy and Laura. Loving Sister to
Madge, Lou and Joe. Special Aunt
to Paul, Neil, Sue, Jan, Alyson,
Jean, Tommy, Dennis and Bobby.
Joan will be greatly missed by all
whose lives she touched.
11.30 Committal Service at
West Lancs Crematorium on
Monday 6th February followed
by celebration of Joan's Life at
Cottage Lane Mission at 12 noon.
Family flowers only. Any donations
please to The Stroke Association
or Cancer Research UK.
Donations and further enquiries
please to Lisa Hunter, MLS
Independent Funeral Directors,
20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton.
Tel 01695 424888.

CRANE JAMES ALLEN (ALLEN)

21st January 2017
Peacefully at Aaron Crest Nursing Home, age 78 years

Allen will be very
sadly missed by
all his family and
friends. Funeral
service will take place
at West Lancashire
Crematorium on
Thursdy 2nd February
at 1.45pm. Family
flowers only please
by request, donations
if desired for RSPCA.
All enquiries to
Margaret Whitelam,
Skelmersdale
Funeral Service,
29/31 Sandy Lane.
Tel 01695 559868.

DEATHS

COOKE JEAN

23rd January 2017
Peacefully aged 86 years

Dearly beloved Wife of the late
Harold Cooke. Much loved mum
of Jim, Isobel and Heather. Dear
Mother-In-Law of Helena, Steve
and Graham. Devoted Nan of
her Grandchildren and Nan-Nan
to her Great-Grandchildren.
Jean will be sadly missed by all
her family and friends and all
who knew her.
Funeral Service and Committal
will place at West Lancashire
Crematorium, at 11.30am
on Tuesday 7th February
2017. Family flowers only
by request but the family are
receiving donations for Birch
Green Care Home, Ivydale,
Skelmersdale. Further enquiries
to Co-operative Funeralcare,
22c Wigan Road,
Ormskirk, L39 2AU.
Tel: 01695 577244

PARR MARIE LOUISE

25th January 2017
Peacefully surrounded by her loving family
Aged 94 years

Deeply loved wife of the
late Frank, loving Mother of
Michael, Maureen, Angela,
Christopher and Gerard,
loving grandma of Joanne,
David, Andrew, Katherine,
Ashleigh, Aimee, Darren
and Dionne and much
loved Great Grandma,
"May the blessed Virgin Mary,
take my Mum's hand and
lead her safely into heaven".
Requiem Mass and
Interment at St Richards
RC Church, Liverpool Road,
Skelmersdale on Friday 3rd
February 2017 at 10.30am.
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donations if desired for
Alzheimers Society.
All enquiries to H Hardman
& Co., Independent Family
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Skelmersdale, Ormskirk
& Scarisbrick.
Tel: 01695 722122 / 720012

TOWNSLEY RONNIE

Aged 87 Years
20th January 2017

Dearly loved Grandad
to Barry & Jeannine.
Devoted Great
Grandad to Abbie &
Macy.
You will forever be in
our hearts and will
always be missed but
never forgotten.
Thanks for all the
memories Walt.
Xx

BIRTHDAYS

STEPHEN PERRY

3rd February

Happy 60th Birthday Steve

Have a good day,

Lots of love from

Mum, Dad & family
xxx

IN MEMORIAM

TIMSON EILEEN

In Memoriam
31 January 2016

Those we love remain
with us, for love
itself lives on. And
cherished memories
never fade, because
a loved one is gone.
Those we love can
never be, more than
a thought apart. For
as long as there are
memories, they'll live
on in our hearts.

xx Miss you more
each day xx

Tony & Karen,
Michael, Martyn &
Rhona, Donna & Les,
Grandkids & Great
Grandkids
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

EILEEN TIMSON

In Memoriam - Sister
31 January 2016

We miss you and
think about you every
day.

xx Marie & John, Kids
& Grandkids xx
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

NIXON RONALD

The family of Ronald
Nixon wish to express
their sincere thanks
to all relatives friends
and neighbours for
their kindness and
sympathy shown
to them during their
recent bereavement.
Alo for the cards,
letters of condolence
and donations to
the British Heart
Foundation. Thanks to
Reverand Brian Astill
and Graham J Clegg
Funeral Directors
in Maghull for their
dignified funeral
arrangements.

WIGNALL RICHARD (DICK)

Joyce and the family
would like to thank
relatives, friends and
neighbours for their
messages of
condolence, cards,
prayers and donations
received during their
recent bereavement.
Many thanks to all
the medical staff at
Southport Hospital and
the Community Teams
who cared so well for
Richard. Special thanks
to Pastors Stuart Harding
and Peter Day for their
kind ministrations. Also
to Derek at Howard's
Funeral Directors for
their dignified funeral
arrangements.

DUNN GEORGE STEPHEN

The family of the late
George Dunn would
like to express their
heartfelt thanks to
all relatives, friends
and neighbours, for
all their sympathy
cards, messages
of condolence and
donations for Cancer
Research, received
during their recent sad
loss. Special thanks
also to Father Boniface
Moran for his kind
words of comfort
and Lisa Hunter
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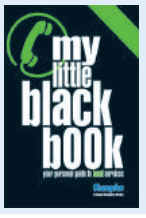

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It's time ordinary motorists caught up to technology

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I'M SURE I'll read this in 2027 and be acutely embarrassed but I'll say it anyway; today's technology is amazing. I've no doubt *Champion* readers of the future will look back at right now and sneer at our primitive Trump Age inventions, but I'll happily defend them.

Last Sunday I was at a car show at Brooklands, more than four hours' drive away in deepest Surrey. Yet by the powers vested in my smartphone I was able to snap an Austin Seven being driven in anger, and a few seconds later you could see it in all its hi-res, technicolour glory on Facebook.

A few hours later my pocket-sized miracle worker was able to harness the might of 31 satellites in space to seamlessly guide me around the M25's traffic jams. Oh, and you can also ring people on it on as well.

Yet in this seemingly enlightened age you can still be asked to produce good old-fashioned bits of paper if you're pulled over by the police and need to prove you have insurance or an MoT.

Yet – and you probably won't be the slightest bit surprised to learn this – record numbers of drivers simply don't carry them around with them.

The police have their own system to check on this – it's called Automatic Number Plate Recognition, or ANPR for short. I've seen it in action and it's brilliant.

Even when they're driving past another car at 50mph it can read your plate and in an instant deduce whether you're a wrong 'un or not, and whether you're likely to appear in an upcoming episode of *Traffic Cops*.

But I reckon it's time we, the ordinary motorists, caught up.

We've already worked out how to do away with paper tax discs and paper driving licences, but surely it's time to look at how we can do away with the other bits of paper that inevitably end up clogging up a box file in your study too? If we can manage paperless bank statements and paperless gas bills then doing the same – and securely – for registration documents, insurance documents and MoT certificates can't be that tricky.

Surely giving your friendly constable chum a single card to swipe through on their system – or even a smartphone with a bit of electronically-generated code – would save plenty of trees. It would also avoid the need to pop to a police station with said documents within seven days. Certainly it'd avoid the situation of record numbers of drivers not having their details to hand, for sure. I can only hope in some sort of Skunk Works in deepest Swansea that the DVLA's brightest minds are already working on just such a thing.

Then they – like my self of 2027 – can look back on this primitive age of paper-dependent motoring and wonder what all the fuss was about.

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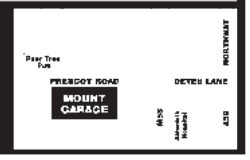

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Linnets and Skem both face tough tests this weekend against promotion candidates

BOTH Burscough and Skem face a tough weekend, against teams that have their focus firmly fixed on promotion, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Burscough are at home on Saturday, February 4 against an experienced Trafford team who sit third in the Evo-Stik Division One North table only five points behind leaders Lancaster City.

Skelmersdale, with a new manager, face a trip to Whitby, who are fourth in the Evo-Stik Premier Division table.

It is likely that a team of youngsters will take the field for Skem who have parted company with manager Tommy Lawson after almost eleven years in the hot seat.

His replacement is Alan Rogers, a man who was once sold for a reported £3.2 million and has a wealth of footballing contacts.

Burscough have struggled this season but January has brought two victories and with the teams immediately above them floundering with their own form a consistent run would give them a chance of avoiding a sad end to the season.

Burscough showed last weekend they can be a handful and are decidedly awkward to play against, it could be a closer game than the league tables would have you believe at Victoria Park on Saturday.

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Lawson sacked after ten years

By **Henry James and Tom Martin**

SKELMERSDALE United have sacked long-standing manager Tommy Lawson.

Lawson, manager of the club for just over 10 years, was dismissed last Thursday evening, with assistant manager Tony Sullivan and coach Dom Finnigan also leaving the club.

The club have appointed former Premier League player Alan Rogers as the new manager.

The announcement comes as United sit at the bottom of the Evo-Stik League Premier Division and without a win this year.

Lawson became Skelmersdale United manager in the summer of 2006.

He led Skelmersdale to a regular position in the play-offs for promotion from Division One North of the Evo-Stik League including finising in the runners-up position twice.

He achieved promotion in 2012/13 as champions of the Northern Division.

Facing severe financial constraints, however, Lawson had struggled to strengthen the squad this season and the team have had only three league wins and have exited at the first round of all cup competitions.

A club statement said "Tommy has worked within a limited budget over the past few weeks, with the club bottom of the league it is with regret that the club have to look elsewhere for a new man to take the helm and try to turn around the clubs fortunes.

"Skelmersdale United would like to thank Tommy for the time and commitment he gave the club and for what he did for the club both on and off the field."

Tommy Lawson

Fans have been expressing their shock and disappointment at the decision as at the end of 2016 Lawson had said he would continue in the position despite facing an exodus of players after the club decided to cut the budget for players because of a loss of funding.

TOMMY Lawson has thanked Skelmersdale United fans for their support over the last ten years - and says he hasn't ruled out becoming a manager again in the future.

He has described his time at the club as a "fantastic journey" and says he wishes the team all the best for the rest of the season.

Asked about a return to the game, he said: "This is something I've done for 25 years and if someone wanted to speak to me and tap into my experience, I would be happy to speak to any ambitious and well-run club."

He added: "It's been well documented that the club found themselves in financial difficulties and lost a lot of resources and it had a bearing on the team.

"It left us without a lot of high profile players and we had to look at others who had potential."

During his ten years at Skem, there are many highlights which will come to mind for both Tommy and supporters.

"Seeing some of the young lads come up and turn professional has been brilliant. Also getting to the play-off finals five times and coming runners up twice.

"It has been a fantastic journey and a great ten years. I'm very proud of what I have achieved at Skem and I thank them wholeheartedly.

"I wish the club all the best in the future and also the new manager. I hope he has as much fun as I had."

Rogers has top level experience

ALAN Rogers is a former professional footballer who spent many years in the game making over 200 appearances for Notts Forest and winning the Championship title with the club in 1997-98, having signed for the club from Tranmere Rovers for £2.5 million.

Alan has also had spells at Leicester City and Hull, finishing his career at Accrington Stanley.

His coaching credentials include assistant manager at Sligo Rovers alongside Micky Adams and a spell as assistant manager at Tranmere Rovers where he was also was caretaker manager in 2015.

He was recently Youth Team coach at Burnley.

Alan Rogers in his playing days.

Skipper's spectacular strike just not enough to earn plucky Burscough a point

Burscough 1
Bamber Bridge 3

A SPECTACULAR goal by Burscough wasn't enough to see them earn a vital point in their fight against relegation after conceding two late goals, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

After going in front with a spectacular chip around the half-hour mark, the Linnets held their own until the later stages when their hard work was undone.

In the 32nd minute Burscough opened the scoring in breath-taking fashion when captain Phil Bannister, seeing Bridge goalkeeper Steve James on his penalty spot, lifted a chip from 30 yards out which floated into the net.

Burscough went close again two minutes later but Adam Gilchrist's volley went wide.

Burscough had worked extra hard to close the South Ribble based side, but it would have an impact in the clinging mud as the game progressed.

In the 56th minute Bridge levelled. A cross from the right was headed on and Aaron Fleming was left in space at the far post and he scored via the post.

The game became stretched as Bridge pushed for a winner, but for a while it benefited Burscough.

On 57 minutes a cross from Alex Pollin found Reece McNally at the far post and really he should have done better with his free header.

Then on 65 minutes Bannister fizzed a 25-yarder just wide of the goal, a feat he repeated on 68 minutes with a 25-yard free-kick.

It was beginning to look like the likely outcome would be a draw when Bamber Bridge won a corner on the right on 82 minutes.

The ball was lifted into the heart of the Burscough area where Doughty ran in and crashed a header through a crowded goal-line to give Bridge a 2-1 lead.

Burscough now had to commit players forward and one move in the 90th minute looked promising as they passed the ball around well probing for an opening, but then disaster struck.

A wayward pass put Bridge away and substitute Regan Linney carried the ball across the Burscough area before putting a powerful drive into the home net.

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